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1. DURING RECENT VISIT PAKISTAN, DR. BARTOCHA AND DR. RONKIN OF NSF OFFICE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH CAO KARACHI AND WITH SCIENCE LIAISON OFFICE ISLAMABAD.

2. NSF BELIEVES AN INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON ENVIRONMENTAL MGT COULD BE

TIMELY AND HELPFUL TO GOP AND PAK SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY. FORMAL PROPOSAL

BASED ON DISCUSSION WOULD BE WELCOMED BY NSF. SEE ALSO PARA 4. THEMATIC FOCUS SHOULD BE SPECIFIC AND PAKS SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN DETERMINING IT. SAMPLE FOCI: ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS (POLLUTION); DEVELOPMENT, RESOURCES, SITING; INVENTORY OF PRESENT SCIENTIFIC UNCLASSIFIED

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KNOWLEDGE(IMPLIED BY PRESENT TITLE?); ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH;

CURRICULAR AND INSTITUTIONAL CONCERNS; IMPLICATIONS AND GOP PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS; ENDANGERED SPECIES. NSF STAFF PERCEIVES GREATER URGENCY FOR A THEME WHICH SERVES URGENT PAK NEEDS THAN EITHER CURRICULAR TECHNICALITIES OR ELITEST VALUES. THEREFORE CHOSEN THEME COULD APPROXIMATE ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENTIFIC BASIS FOR NATIONAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.

3. IMPACT AND SUCCESS OF SEMINAR SEEN BY NSF TO DEPEND ON SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS AND QUALITY OF SEMINAR MANAGEMENT, USUAL TROUBLES ARISING FROM INADEQUATE PREPLANNING AND INSUFFICIENT EDITING OF RESULTING DOCUMENTS. ALTHOUGH EXPEDIENCY MAY REQUIRE INVOLVEMENT OF CERTAIN PERSONS, A MEANINGFUL SEMINAR REQUIRES LEADERSHIP, COMMITMENT, AND MANAGEMENT SKILLS BY PAKS. NSF COULD NOT PROCEED UNLESS SUCH A PERSON OR PERSONS INVOLVED, WITH AUTHORITY TO ACT. COULD IRSHAD KHAN BE USEFULLY INVOLVED?

4. SPONSORSHIP SHOULD BE DETERMINED BY THEME AND TARGET. IF GOP IS A TARGET OF MESSAGE, A DIVERSITY OF SPONSORS MAY BE DESIRABLE, PERHAPS INCLUDING PAK ACADEMY AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL. SOME PORTION OF PROGRAM SHOULD ENCOURAGE MONITORED DISCUSSION. LARGE AUDIENCE OF PROFESSIONALS AND DECISION MAKERS MAY BE DESIRABLE. THIS MAY REQUIRE MULTIPLE SESSIONS TO ENCOURAGE DISCUSSION IN SMALLER GROUPS. MORE LEADERS THEN REQUIRED.

5. IN REF A, ISLAMABAD INQUIRED ABOUT EPA'S WILLINGNESS TO SPONSOR A CONFERENCE ON WHAT APPEAR TO BE THE SAME SUBJECT. PLEASE CLARIFY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THESE TWO PROPOSALS.
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